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SCANT CLUES.

Trenton's Great Murder Mystery
Baffles the Detectives.
Miss Purcell's Story of Burglars Dis-
credited by the Police.
Suspicion Upon Dr. Kniffin and
the Pretty Typewriter.
It Was Her Handkerchief That Was
Steeped in Chloroform.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 4.—The bold
burglars who Miss Emma Purcell says
invaded the home of dentist Arthur S.
Kniffin during his absence yesterday,
chloroforming and killing Mrs. Myra
Kniffin, and giving Miss Purcell only
enough of the narcotic to render her un-
conscious, had not been captured this
morning.

The police do not believe the murder
was committed by burglars, or that any
burglars entered the house.
This is the opinion of Detective Leahey,
and is shared by Chief of Police McChes-
ney.

In consequence the majority of the peo-
ple here believe to-day that the story of

the burglary is a mythical one, and look
in higher places for the real murderer, or
murderers.

The tragedy has stirred up this commu-
nity as no similar crime has ever done.

The high standing of all the parties
concerned, and the suspicion which has
unavoidably fallen on some of those most
closely connected with the dead woman,
renders the case intensely interesting to
every one.

The mystery increases with every pass-
ing moment.
The police are moving slowly. They
have drawn a line within which they feel
sure the guilty ones are, but they fear to
act decisively without stronger evidence
than they now possess.

Their strongest reason for disbelieving
the burglary story lies in the fact that
nothing was stolen from the house,
although everything in it was turned
topsy-turvy, and there were no indica-
tions of a forcible entrance.

CRIMES WHICH NO ONE HEARD.
Miss Purcell says that when she was
aroused by Mrs. Kniffin's struggles the
latter was crying "Help, murder!" at
the top of her voice, and yet no one in
the neighborhood heard the least unusual
sound from the house, but, instead,
there was a night watchman on duty
at a bank directly opposite the Kniffin
dwelling who neither saw nor heard any
commotion about the place during his
tour of duty.

Miss Purcell has made several conflict-
ing statements.
After her first story she told another
one, saying that upon retiring on the last
night the bed was shoved close to the
bedroom door, and that it was the noise
of the burglars shoving this away that
aroused Mrs. Kniffin, who in turn aroused
her, and that she sprang from the bed to
run to a window, when the intruder got
in, intercepting and chloroforming her.

Nevertheless, she can give no descrip-
tion of her assailant except to say that she
thinks he was a negro, because, she
thinks, one of his hands was black.

to Broadway, a sparsely settled district of
Warren County, miles from his home, at
8 o'clock last night.
He had been notified of his wife's sad
end by telegrams sent to him.
Dr. Kniffin is a good-looking fellow
less than forty, who loves good living,
fast horses, and is also said to have an
eye for fine women.
Rumor has it that on the latter account
he and his wife did not live as happily as
they might have done.

When he stepped off the cars Detectives
Piller and Leahey accosted him and in-
vited him to take a walk.
He accompanied them to Police Head-
quarters.

On the train a lady and a child had been
with him, but he leaped off alone.
It was given out that he had gone to
Broadway to look at a farm with a view
to purchasing it.

RELATIONS WITH MISS PURCELL.
It is understood that this farm adjoins
one owned by Miss Purcell's parents, and

that it was at the same place he was on
the night of Nov. 30, when his house was
alleged to have been entered by burglars
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had been sent to Broadway to trace Dr.
Kniffin's movements there.
At the Kniffin lodgings in Broad street
this morning it was said that Miss Purcell
was feeling quite comfortable.
"Is she sitting up?" asked THE EVEN-
ING WORLD reporter.
"I can't talk to you any further," was
the reply of the woman who came to the
door, and the door was gradually pushed to
lock.

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Policeman Hartman patrolled in front
of the residence to keep back the nume-
rous curiosity seekers who crowded around
discussing the various rumors concerning
the tragedy.

HAIRSHAVEN IN CONSULTATION.
Detectives Piller, Leahey and Lane held
a consultation this morning to decide on
a line of investigation.

TO THE EVENING WORLD reporter one
of them said: "We are still very much
in the dark. Our work so far has con-
sisted chiefly of suggesting theories that
have an air of possibility, but none of
which have been verified or can be veri-
fied until more light is thrown on the
subject."

"I don't hesitate to say that the bur-
glary theory presents so many inconsis-
tencies that we don't give it much credit."

SCENARIOS DETAILLED.
"We find, for instance, that the mat-
ches found around the floor to give the
impression that burglars had lighted
them were in most cases, burned only for
us the sulphur went, showing they had
been lighted and promptly extinguished."

"Then as to the cloth reported sat-
urated with chloroform and thrown over
Miss Purcell's face, this covers the fact
that Miss Purcell's handkerchief, which
she says was snatched from her hand for
the purpose, we consider this some-
what improbable."

Miss Purcell learned typewriting at the
Trenton Business College, where she was
employed for some time, and was nearly
two years employed at the Empire Club
office. Her employer and many others
speak highly of her. Her father is dead,
but her mother lives on a farm in Warren
County.

The fact that Mrs. Kniffin's parents say
they place confidence in Miss Purcell and
believe her story of the burglary only
adds to the difficulty of fixing a solution
of the great mystery. It is known that
the marriage of Kniffin to Miss Purcell
was regarded with favor by her
parents.

BOGART WILL NOT ACCEPT.
Mayor Grant Offered Him the Street-
Cleaning Commission.

No appointment of a Street-Cleaning Com-
missioner will be made to-day.
Mayor Grant told an EVENING WORLD re-
porter at noon that the position had been
tendered to State Engineer John Bogart, but
that he had declined the appointment.
The Mayor had not yet decided upon any
other candidate to fill the position.

DOOMED BY THE INFLUENZA.

Startling Record of Deaths from Mal-
adies Induced by La Grippe.
No Sign of Slackening in the Spread
of the Epidemic.

The enormously increased death-rate of
the city during the past two or three days
shows that the prevailing epidemic of in-
fluenza is becoming a much more serious
matter than it was at first supposed to be.

The number of deaths reported for the
twenty-four hours up to noon yesterday
was 220, which exceeds the record for
many years past.

The very large proportion of these re-
sulting from pneumonia, which in most
cases had its origin in an attack of in-
fluenza, La Grippe, makes it clear that
this increased mortality can be directly
attributed to the popular malady, and
physicians are coming to the conclusion
that in its more serious form La Grippe
is to be regarded as a genuine symptom of
pneumonia.

That the disease is still spreading with
alarming rapidity there is not the slightest
doubt, and the approach of colder weather
seems to have had no effect whatever in
checking its ravages.

Among the latest deaths reported which
can be traced directly to the influenza is
that of Henry D. Kniffin, for the last
twenty years employed at the Empire Club
office, who died yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Metropole.

He caught cold two or three years ago,
which soon developed into pneumonia,
from which he never rallied.

Another fatal case was that of Capt.
Thomas W. Kniffin, 422 1/2 street,
Brooklyn. Although toughened by
thirty-five years' service in the West India
trade, Capt. Kniffin was not proof against
La Grippe, which attacked him Christmas
day and culminated in pneumonia.

Fred Hall, the brother of Miss Pauline
Hall and a member of "The Brigade," a
company at the Casino, is believed to be
lying from La Grippe and his sister has
abandoned the theatre for his bedside.

At St. Lawrence's hospital, where he is
being nursed, he is regarded with favor by her
parents.

MISS LILLIAN RUSSELL and Miss Fanny
Rice have also succumbed to the prevail-
ing malady and have given up their work
for the present. Miss Rice, who died yester-
day, was filled by their undertakers.

In fact, the theatrical profession is all
broken up by La Grippe, and every day
new victims are being added to the list.

It was the Russian influenza which
brought on the fatal illness of Gustave
Mortimer, the manager of the Metropolitan
Theatre, who died yesterday at his home
in New York, Staten Island, and which
has retired Louis Mosen and Miss
Eugenie Mosen, who were in the Square
Theatre company. Every manager
in town is trembling for his stars, for
there is no telling who will be the next to
go.

FATAL SNOW-SLIDE.

Seven People Crushed and Killed
in the Mass.
Two Yet Missing Who May Be
Victims of the Slide.
Four Houses and a Church Wrecked
and Trees Cleared Away.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
STEELE CITY, Jan. 4.—As far as at present
known the snowslide of yesterday
down the mountain side caused the death
of seven people, as follows:
Mrs. RICH, her little son and her
daughter.
Miss RYAN, of Downville.
Mrs. J. T. MOONEY and her daughter.
Miss ETHELL LANGDON.

There are several others injured, and a
Chinaman and a little girl are missing.
The slide came down from Butta's
Flume and accumulated such force as to
crush four houses and wreck a church,
besides clearing away all the trees in its
pathway.

It is feared that another and greater
slide may yet come.

FIGHTING FIRE, NOT WAVES.
La Champagne's Sailing Delayed by
Burning Cotton in Her Cargo.

The steamship La Champagne, of Le
Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, did
not sail for La Belle France at 4 o'clock
this morning as advertised. Some of her
passengers went ashore, not to Paris.

The majority stayed on board the ship,
however, ready to sail whenever fate
would let her, and hoping that no such
streak of ill-luck was at hand as pursued
the French steamers a dozen years ago,
almost to the destruction of the line.

La Champagne was at her pier, foot of
Morton street, North River, her passen-
gers all aboard and cargo stored, ready
to start at 4 o'clock, when, within ten
minutes of the hour set, an alarm of fire
was raised.

Some cotton in her hold was afire.
Eighty or ninety bales were stacked in
one compartment, and among them flames
had been smoldering.

Night-watchman Richard Hoffmann
sent an alarm that brought the engines to
West street in force. Lines of hose were
stretched 200 feet to the dock and over
the side of the huge vessel down into her
hold. The fireboat Zepher Mills lay to
alongside and turned its powerful streams
into the hold also. Long after the blaze
was out it kept pouring water into the
compartment until the cotton bales were
soaked and soaked through and through.

Then the pumps were set to work.
The sleeping passengers were aroused by
the noise and confusion. Some of
them went to sleep again, thinking the
ship was merely getting under way. Of
those who understood the situation the
great majority remained calmly on board,
impassive spectators of what was going on.

A few lay passengers were frightened
and insisted on going ashore. They were
assisted to the pier and through the lines
of police and employees of the Company
that immediately closed behind them, al-
lowing none but the firemen to pass.

The ship was still at her pier at sun-
rise, with the Zepher Mills yet at her
side. The police reported that the dam-
age done by the fire would not exceed
\$500.

CONFIDENT NELLIE BLY.

She Now Figures on Girdling the
Globe in 72 Days.
Guesses now have the benefit of Nellie
Bly's own prediction concerning the du-
ration of her globe girdling journey. The
following cablegrams were received from
her at San Francisco yesterday.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Jan. 3.—I arrived here
to-day safely and in good health, after a six
days' passage from Hong Kong, which we
left at 10 o'clock on the 28th. I am com-
fortable and well, and have been well re-
ceived by the Japanese people here.

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FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

Preparations for the Trial of the
O'Shea Divorce Case.
London and "La Grippe"—General
Notes and Gossip.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
LONDON, Jan. 4.—In the suit for divorce
that has been brought by Capt. O'Shea,
with Mr. Parnell as co-respondent, the
plaintiff has engaged Mr. Interovich and
Sir Edward Clarke as his counsel.

The interests of Mrs. O'Shea will be
looked after by Mr. Lockwood, while Sir
Charles Russell has again been retained
by Mr. Parnell.

It is expected that this famous advo-
cate's cross-examination of O'Shea will
quite equal his exhortation of the unfor-
tunate Pigeot, who deemed flight and
suicide not too heavy a price to pay for
liberation from the torture to which a re-
appearance in the witness-box would have
exposed him.

LONDON AND "LA GRIPPE."
Commercial Houses Crippled by the
Sickness of Employees.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
LONDON, Jan. 4.—The influenza maintains
a firm grip on the English metropolis.
The London hospitals are overcrowded,
and at Guy's the doctors and nurses are
suffering from the disease in its most acute
form.

All commercial houses are seriously
crippled by the illness of employees.
The London and Westminster Bank has
suffered from the disease in its most acute
form.

Not content with commercial victims,
the dreaded disease has made serious in-
roads among the ballet girls playing in the
pantomime of "Cinderella" at Her Majesty's
Theatre.

The Princess, in the pantomime, too, is in-
vulnerable, and as his underlings have fol-
lowed his example, Miss Minnie Palmer, the
Cinderella, was last night compelled to de-
claim her lines to a reading auditor.

Minister Phelps's House-Warming.
(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The leading social event
here next week will be the house-warming
to be given by United States Minister
Phelps at his new residence.

London's New Daily Picture Paper.
(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
LONDON, Jan. 4.—The illustrated Daily
Picture paper its first appearance on the
street this afternoon, and begins its career
with every augury of success.

The Sultan and the Protestants.
(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The Sultan of Turkey,
in recognition of a request made by the Em-
peror of Germany, has sanctioned the com-
pletion of a Protestant church in Bethlehem,
Palestine.

A Famous Theologian Is Dead.
(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The famous Van Hase,
Professor of Theology at the University of
Halle, is dead.

EXTRA BUTCHERY!

2 O'CLOCK.
An Insane Father Kills His Wife
and Child and Then
Suicides.
The Child Strangled and the
Mother Shot.
Alone With the Corpses for
Two Days.

The Murderer Shot Himself When
Discovered by the Police.

Another double murder and suicide has
been added to the bloody deeds which
have characterized the opening of the
new year.

Edward Katzenstein, a bookkeeper, re-
siding at 98 Even street, Brooklyn, E.D.,
reported to the police that a man named
Franklin, who lived with his wife and
three-year-old daughter at 180 Major
street, had not been seen by his neigh-
bors since Tuesday, and that Mrs. Frank-
lin and her child had not been seen in
the house since Wednesday, and that
there was something suspicious about
their apartments.

A policeman was despatched to the
house.

He peered through a rear window and
descried Franklin sitting on a bed with a
huge revolver in his hand.

The policeman demanded admittance,
when Franklin levelled his revolver at
him and threatened to shoot.

His manner was so determined that the
policeman beat a hasty retreat for the
purpose of summoning help.

He had gone but a few steps when he
heard a pistol shot, and returning to the
window, saw Franklin lying on the bed,
blood pouring from a wound directly
over the heart.

Raising the window the policeman
entered the room.

One glance sufficed to show him that
the man was dead.

On a bed in an adjoining room, the
policeman found Mrs. Franklin lying
dead, a gaping wound in her head show-
ing where a bullet from her husband's
pistol had entered.

Beside her lay the body of their three-
year-old daughter, bearing every indica-
tion of having been strangled to death.
They had evidently been dead about
two days.

Some of the neighbors say that Franklin
has been acting queer of late and the
impression prevails that he was insane
when he committed the fatal deed.

The tragedy has caused the wildest ex-
citement, and horrified neighbors gather
around the house and discuss the affair in
awe-struck tones.

A BEEF AND PACKING DEAL.
C. H. North & Co., of Boston, Sell
Out to Swift & Co., Chicago.
(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
BOSTON, Jan. 4.—The great house of
Charles H. North & Co. has been sold to the
well-known Chicago beef and packing firm
of Swift & Co.
The amount involved in the transaction is
not yet known.
The plant is to be increased.